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APPLICANT: SKIRHA ET. AL )  
SERIAL No.: 09/747,286 )  
FILED: December 21, 2000 )  
FOR: INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH INTEGRAL )  
HIDDEN DOOR COVER AND METHOD )  
OF IN-PROCESS MANUFACTURE )  
THEREOF )  
ART UNIT  
1732  
EXAMINER:  
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 29, 2002, Applicants responds as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A "clean" copy of the Claims follows:

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Claim 12. (Amended) A method of forming a hidden, integral passenger air bag door in an instrument panel cover, the method comprising:

forming the instrument panel cover having an inner surface and an opposing outer surface, and

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forming a deployment region in the inner surface of the instrument panel cover by contacting only the inner surface with at least one scoring device after initiation of the formation of the instrument panel cover creating at least one score therein, but prior to the cooling thereof, the at least one score defining the deployment region and providing a weakened tear pattern in the inner surface so that deployment of an air bag cushion causes the deployment region to open along the at least one score for deployment of the air bag cushion.

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**1732**Invention: **INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH INTEGRAL HIDDEN DOOR COVER AND METHOD OF IN-PROCESS MANUFACTURE THEREOF****TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

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